

## President's Message

2005 was a busy and challenging year for Industrial Hygiene, both locally and nationally. Georgia became one of the few states to enact a state title protection law. Now more than ever, protection and expansion of the industrial hygiene field are increasingly important as our job responsibilities grow. Despite the urgent need for EHS and IH professionals, decreasing numbers of students are participating in safety and health undergraduate and graduate programs. To counter this trend, OSHA has established a Youth Alliance with the Mobile, Alabama school district and is attempting to expand this initiative to cover the entire state. I believe that our local section should pursue establishment of a similar program, which provides community

outreach to students, educators and parents in Georgia. Please let me know your thoughts regarding this proposal.

Georgia also needs to develop students' skills and knowledge of safety and health topics before they graduate from high school so that they have a better idea of what they should expect in their first jobs. Recently, AIHA developed a Student Activities Working Group (SAWG), with a K-12 focus area, and other states are looking to partner with organizations such as OSHA, local school districts, and ASSE. If you are interested in joining the SAWG or would like to get more information, you should go to the AIHA web site at <http://www.aiha.org/Content/InsideAIHA/Students/sawg.htm>. In addition, the AIHA

student/young members' page provides information that you can use if you participate in career days at your local schools.

Professional development continues to be an area of critical importance for IHS. This fall, I had the opportunity to attend the Future Leaders Institute sponsored by AIHA. I encourage members relatively new to industrial hygiene to apply for participation in this Institute in 2006. Please see Ryan Langton's article later in this newsletter for more details on the FLI. To learn more about the Future Leaders Institute, please visit [www.aiha.org/futureleaders.htm](http://www.aiha.org/futureleaders.htm). Applications for the 2006 Institute will be available later this spring. (see *President's Message* on page 4)

## Membership—Welcome to New and Returning Members

The end of 2005 was marked by both losses and gains—the GA Local Section said goodbye to a few members who have moved from the area to continue their careers elsewhere, and also welcomed **eleven** fresh new members! FY 2006 is off to a good start with currently 40 percent of members who were in good standing in 2005 having already submitted their 2006 annual dues. However, there were only 75 dues paying members in 2005, compared to 102 members (in good standing) in 2004. We are thrilled to have new members joining us, and ask all members to assist in

spreading the word about our local section. If you are a returning member, and have not yet paid your 2006 annual dues, please take a moment to mail your \$20 dues check (made payable to GLS AIHA) to:

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Thank you for your continued support! Please be an active member and submit any ideas or suggestions for improving the Local Section to any of the Executive Committee members. We would love your feedback on how to better meet your membership needs!

## Local Section Financial Update

We are in excellent financial standing, with a balance of \$12,600 at the start of 2006. A substantial contribution to the Red Cross following the Katrina Disaster was made using local section funds.

In keeping with previous Executive Committee's goal of "returning value" to local section members, we will be holding random drawings for a \$25 and \$50 gift card at the end of every local section

meeting. Your attendance at the meeting qualifies you for the drawing, but you must be present at the time of the drawing to collect your prize. The Executive Committee is also pursuing the potential for offering scholarships to area students interested in pursuing a degree in occupational health/industrial hygiene.

The Local Section is looking to expand its options for payment of

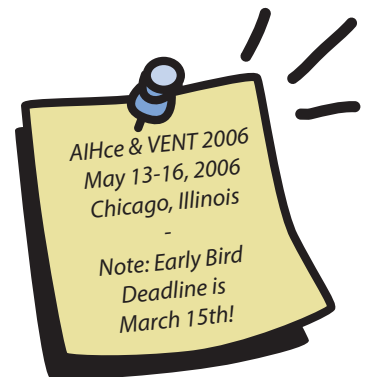
annual dues and meetings fees, potentially through the use of PayPal on the Section web site. This could help streamline the registration process. We are looking for feedback from members about whether they would like this option to pay online. As it would be a financial commitment for the Section to enroll in PayPal, we want to make sure Members are on board! Let Hilarie Schubert know your opinion at [hilarie.schubert@gtri.gatech.edu](mailto:hilarie.schubert@gtri.gatech.edu).

## Fall 2005 Local Section Meeting Recap

We had a VERY successful Fall 2005 meeting at the new CDC Global Communication Facility (a big thank-you to Lisa Delaney for coordinating this event) on November 2, 2005. There were 42 attendees (the highest attendance at a local section meeting for FY 2005!) and five excellent presenters. The meeting theme focused on

current and up-coming PPE issues and included discussions on hearing protection, supplied air respiratory protection, personal protection at hazardous waste sites, PPE in CDC facilities, and new technological developments for respirator cartridge design. A wonderful box lunch was provided—courtesy of Bullard—and concluded with a tour of the

new Global Communications Center and Library. Thanks to all who attended—you helped make this meeting a success!



## Future Meetings

### Mark Your Calendars!

A priority of the Executive Committee was to determine meeting dates early on in the year so that members could make plans earlier to attend.

- Winter Meeting: February 22, 2006 (Wednesday) at Georgia Tech (directions are in the agenda posted on the web site)
- Spring Meeting: April 12, 2006 (Wednesday) at Delta Air Lines (tentative location)

Please note that the Spring Meeting will also be our Vendors' Day.

Members are welcomed and encouraged to submit ideas for meeting topics, or to recommend a speaker or "field trip" idea.

### ABIH CM Points

*The American Board of Industrial Hygiene has awarded 1.0 certification maintenance (CM) points for the Fall 2005 Georgia Local Section Meeting held November 2, 2005.*

*The approval number is: # 05-3587.*

## GLS Members Participate In Future Leaders Institute

By Ryan Langton

Three members of the Georgia Local Section participated in the AIHA's inaugural Future Leaders Institute (FLI) September 29 – October 2, 2005 in Oak Brook, Illinois. Ryan Langton (FLI co-chair), Michelle Dunham (FLI advisory committee member), and Margaret Buckalew (FLI attendee) participated in this innovative new program. The FLI was developed by the AIHA to address recent trends in membership demographics and the need to identify younger professionals who will help drive the association as well as the field of industrial hygiene in

the coming years. Funded by a special grant from the AIHA Board and sponsored by SKC, the AIHA invited over 40 younger OEHS professionals from a candidate pool of 110 applicants. The institute was facilitated by Jeffrey Cufaude, of Idea Architects in Indianapolis, Indiana and was geared toward understanding the various styles of leadership. Focus areas included broadening interpersonal and organizational perspectives, collaborative/teamwork efforts, and managing your future. Feedback from the participants was extremely positive, and many left the

institute with tangible leadership skills that they were able to apply in their respective OEHS careers. President-elect Margaret Buckalew called the program "...the most valuable professional training I have ever received... a truly rewarding learning experience that re-invigorated my passion for the profession and my place in it."

For more information on the Future Leaders Institute, please visit [www.aiha.org/futureleaders.htm](http://www.aiha.org/futureleaders.htm). Applications for the 2006 Institute will be available later this spring.

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A number of storms affected residents and businesses in our region during the last year, and weather forecasters are predicting similar incidents for 2006. One of the topics emphasized by these natural disasters is the important role that industrial hygienists and other occupational and environmental professionals should play in emergency responses. A new white paper addressing these roles and responsibilities was recently developed by the AIHA Emergency Preparedness and Response Task Force, a group of experts in the field of industrial hygiene and emergency response. The full text is available at: <http://www.aiha.org/1documents/GovernmentAf->

fairs/EPRWhitePaper\_Final.pdf. For more information, please contact Aaron Trippler at (703) 846-0730 or [atrippler@aiha.org](mailto:atrippler@aiha.org).

I have had an opportunity to visit the hurricane-affected areas along the Gulf Coast, and mass media depictions of the damage only gives a small picture of the destruction sustained by the region. Through a Susan Harwood grant, GTRI has been conducting free safety and health courses for those working to rebuild the area. The need for assistance and the safety and health hazards will affect the region for years to come, and our local section played a small part by contributing \$200 to the American Red Cross fol-

lowing the hurricane and flooding disaster in the Gulf Coast as part of the AIHA challenge.

The theme for our spring meeting will be Summertime Safety and Health Hazards/Issues, including (but not limited to) heat stress and safety and health issues in the Gulf Coast Region. Next week's meeting on February 22 will focus on metals (both heavy and light) from several viewpoints. Speakers will address the topic on many fronts, including standard and exposure limit rulemaking, exposure assessment, and laboratory analysis. We look forward to seeing you there.

—Michelle Dunham, MSPH, MSM



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